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SUBJECT: CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION

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1. REGARDING POINT TWO WE FIND NO DIFFICULTY IN SPEAKING OF SIGNING ARRANGEMENT IN US LAW PARLANCE BUT AGREEABLE TO CHANGING LANGUAGE IF THIS CAUSES DIFFICULTY IN CHINESE TEXT. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST FOLLOWING TEXT FOR THIS POINT: "THESE TWO BODIES SHALL SIGN AN AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS AS MAY BE AGREED FOR THE HOLDING OF THE EXHIBITION." IN THIS CONTEXT WE PREFER TO AVOID WORD "PROTOCOL" AND USE WORD "AGREEMENT" AS USED IN TITLE OF DOCUMENT WHICH TWO COMMITTEES WILL SIGN. THERE IS SOME AWKWARDNESS IN USE OF "AGREEMENT" AND "AGREE" IN SAME SENTENCE BUT WE PREFER THIS FOR PURPOSES OF CLARITY. WE HOPE YOU AND THE MFA CAN FIND A WAY TO LIVE WITH THIS.

2. APPRECIATE YOUR OBSERVATION ON POSSIBLE CHINESE FAST REACTION OBJECTING TO ADDED LANGUAGE ON POINT FIVE. SINCE THE PRC HAS ALREADY AGREED TO SHOWING EXHIBIT IN KANSAS
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CITY AND SUBSEQUENT RETURN TO PEKING, WE ASSUME CHINESE

DID NOT MEAN TO GIVE THEMSELVES VETO POWER (BY REFUSING TO BREAK SEALS) OVER MOVEMENT FROM WASHINGTON TO KANSAS ETC. AS THE PREVIOUS LANGUAGE DOES. TO SOFTEN LANGUAGE

WE SUGGEST DROPPING EXCEPT CLAUSE AND SUBSTITUTING FOLLOWING: "HOWEVER, THE U.S. SIDE, HAVING INVITED CHINESE SIDE TO BE PRESENT AT A CONVENIENT TIME, MAY BREAK SEALS SOLELY AT THE TIME AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTATION FROM WASHINGTON D.C. TO KANSAS CITY AND FROM KANSAS CITY TO PEKING." WE ASSUME CHINESE WILL WISH TO BE PRESENT FOR THIS. WE HOPE WITH THIS SOFTER AND LIMITED LANGUAGE CHINESE SIDE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT PROPOSED TEXT.

3. WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH HOWARD ADAMS AT NATIONAL GALLERY ABOUT POINT RAISED IN YOUR PARA 1C AND WE AGREE WITH YOU. PRESS RELEASE WILL BE CHANGED TO READ FOUR CURATORS AND ONE INTERPRETER ACCOMPANYING EXHIBITION. SISCO

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